Frontier Railway, who are drugging passengers for robbing;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to protect the passengers from such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 23.7.1991 a raid was con ducted by GRP/Guwahati with the as sistance of RPF on train No. 2558 Dn. Kanchan Janga Express and a woman, who had drugged two passengers in a coach through sweets, was arrested and on her disclosure, her 8 other associates were arrested.

A criminal case has been registered by GRP/Guwahati.

(c) The maintenance of law and order and control of crime on Rail ways is the responsibility of the State Government concerned. However, Railways maintain co-ordination with state Government authorities in this connection.

Linking of Godavari and Krishna Rivers

219. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link Godavari and Krishna rivers, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Andhra Pradesh Government pending with Central Government for clearance in this regard; and

(c) if so, at what stage of consideration is pending?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE-SOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Government has prepared a National Perspective for the development of water resources in the country. For the integrated develop-. ment of Peninsular Rivers, the National Water Development Agency is carryini out water balance studies for the *11* water transfer links. Of these 17 links the following 3 links involve inter linking of Godavari river with Krishna river:—

(i) Godavari (Polavaram) — Kri shna (Vijayawada) link.

(ii) Godavari (Inchampalli)—Krishna (Pulachintala) link.

(iii) Godavari (Incihampalli) — Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link. Na tional Water Development Agency ha studied and prepared preliminary feasibility reports for the first two links.

(b) and (c) The Government o Andhra Pradesh had forwarded a pre posal for the construction of Polavarat Project which, inter *alia,* envisaged trans fer of water from Godavari to Krishn: Besides, requirement of environment an forest clearances, a number of deficier cies were found in the proposal by th Central Water Commission. Therefon the project was returned to the Stat Government in 1987.

In July, 1990 the State Governmei had forwarded updated cost estimate of the project to the Central Wati Commission without complying wil the deficiencies and observations mac in December, 1987. The State Goven ment was requested in July, 1990 itse to furnish a modified project report afti compliance of the observations.

Easing of traffic onGrand Trunk Lin

220. DR. YALAMANCHILI SIVAJ Will the Minister of RAILWAYS 1 pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any propos under Government's consideration divert either Konark or Godavari E press trains via Nadikude, Guntur order to ease the traffic on Grand Trai Line as well as to reduce the distan between Hyderabad and Visakhapatna and also to facilitate the passengers Guntur, Nalgonda etc.; and